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1. VOTE ON MOTION FOR CLOSURE OF DEBATE ON 7.1.6
BY RAHNEMA (IRAN) CARRIED 28-5 (US)-5, WITH COMPOSITION
APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS VOTE ON DR REVISED DESCRIBED
IN REFTTEL.

2. VOTE ON US RESOLUTION (DR 8) WHICH WAS, IN
EFFECT, AN AMENDMENT TO SUBSTITUTE A NEW TEXT FOR
DR 3 AND WAS THE AMENDMENT FURTHEST REMOVED FROM THE
ORIGINAL, WAS VOTED ON NEXT AND DEFEATED 9-21-7. THE
MEMBERS SUPPORTING OUR DRAFT WERE: AUSTRALIA,
BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, UK, US, AND ONE
UNIDENTIFIED. ABSTENTIONS WERE: CHAD, IVORY COAST,
MEXICO, NEPAL, NORWAY, PERU AND PORTUGAL. BARBADOS
AND MAURITIUS WERE NOT PRESENT, AND LIBERIA PROBABLY
DID NOT PARTICIPATE, ALTHOUGH PRESENT IN THE ROOM.

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3. ROLE OF AGIOBU-KEMMER IN THIS MATTER REMAINS
PUZZLING. HE CARRIED THE BALL FOR US AT THE MARCH 1978
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE TO DRAFT A DECLARATION ON
RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE IN TERMS OF
PRESSURING THE ARABS TO MAKE A SATISFACTORY ACCOMMO-
DATION TO OUR INTERESTS. ON MAY 11, IN CONTRAST, HE
ACTED AS THE FRONT-MAN FOR WHAT WAS AN ARAB-INSPIRED

RESOLUTION THAT WAS NOT ONLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US, BUT MAY CAUSE US A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE. USDEL HAD INFORMED HIM AND HIS STAFF CLEARLY AND UNMISTAKABLY THAT THE USE OF THE TITLE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO US EITHER IN THE BODY OF THE RESOLUTION OR IN THE TITLE OF THE AGENDA ITEM TO WHICH THE RESOLUTION RELATED. HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION, BUT WENT THE OTHER WAY AND DID IT BIG, BY PRESENTING THE RESOLUTION. WE HEAR THAT HE HOPES TO BE THE NEXT CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND HE MAY BE PLAYING WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE A WELL-BALANCED ROLE, GIVING EACH GROUP IN THE EXBD SATISFACTION SOME OF THE TIME.

4. PARENTHETICALLY, WE NOTE THAT BOSSIER-PALUN HAS NOT BEEN SEEN AT THIS SESSION OF THE EXBD.

5. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT DEPARTMENT'S INTERVENTION IN

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CAPITALS STIFFENED THE BACKBONES OF THE BELGIANS AND THE FRG, WHO SEEMED TO BE WAVERING AT ONE POINT, AND BROUGHT ABOUT A CHANGE IN UK POSITION, FROM WHAT CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE BEEN ABSTENTION IF MARTIN HAD CALLED THE SHOT, TO A NEGATIVE ON DR 3 REVISED. WE HAVE HEARD IN THE CORRIDORS THAT MARTIN WAS REACTING UNFAVORABLY TO OUR PRESSURES ON HIM, ALTHOUGH IN OUR DIRECT MEETINGS WITH HIM HE HAS BEEN THE SOUL OF AFFABLE CHARM AND COURTESY, AND HAS COOPERATED WITH US IN ALL OUR REQUESTS.

6. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA VOLUNTEERED TO INTERVENE ON OUR BEHALF WITH LATIN AMERICANS. IN THE KEY VOTE (DR 3 REV.) WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT FOUR LAS SUPPORTED THE DR (BRAZIL, CUBA, ECUADOR, PERU), WHEREAS ONLY TWO, MEXICO AND PANAMA ABSTAINED.

7. ISRAELI SPECIAL REP AMBASSADOR NAJAR APPEARED FURIOUS OVER CLOSURE OF DEBATE (HE HAD SPENT NEARLY TWO WEEKS IN PARIS WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO SPEAK) AND LEFT THE ROOM IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. ISRAELI PERMREP JOFFE REMAINED IN ROOM UNTIL THE SESSION ADJOURNED, AFTER FINAL ACTION ON DR 3 REVISED HAD BEEN TAKEN. TORRES

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